

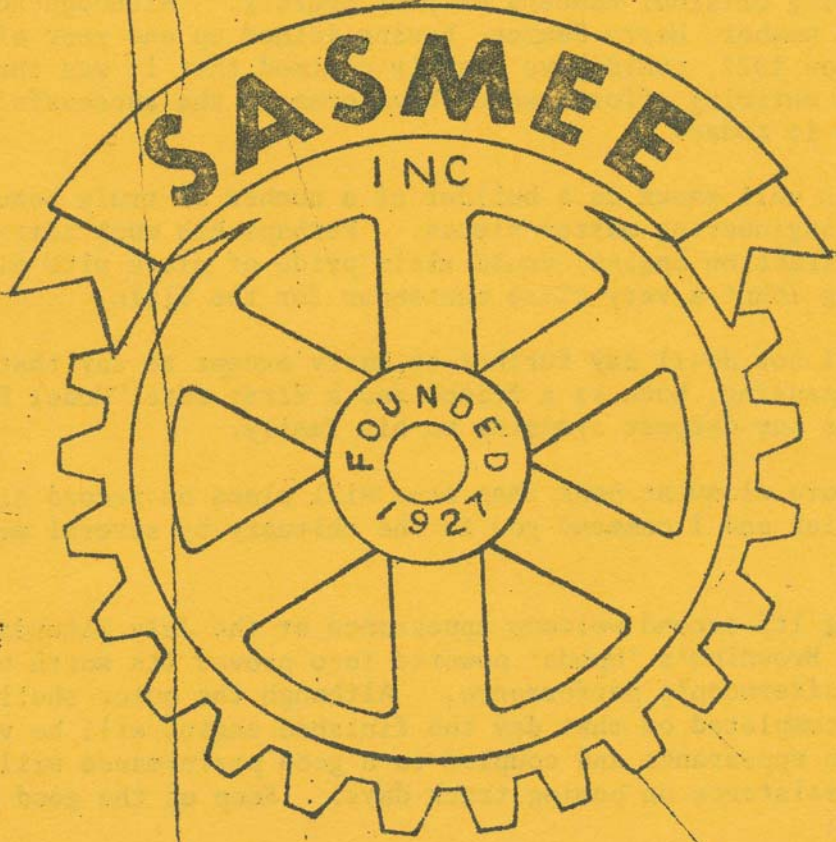
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EDITORIAL

Once again it is my sad duty to record the passing of one of the few remaining original members of your Society. Although not a true foundation member, Harry Pearce, having joined up one year after its inauguration 1927, could have rightly claimed that it was through his and others untiring efforts which have created the successful SASMEE as we know it today.

He was well known as a builder of a number of truly beautiful models of engineering master pieces. Perhaps his much admired 'Showmans Traction Engine' could claim pride of place with his 5" gauge 'King John' a very close contender for the title.

I will not dwell any further on Harry except to say that we all mourn his passing, both as a friend and a first rate "Model Engineer" and express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Far more eloquent pens than mine will place on record his life as a Modeller and I commend you to the obituary by several members, further on.

Making its second welcome appearance at the July Saturday Field Day, Wally Brownlow's 'Honda' powered loco proved its worth by an excellent afternoon's performance. Although the outer shell was not quite completed on that day the finished engine will be very pleasing in appearance and coupled to a good performance will prove of great assistance on coming track days. Keep up the good work Wally.

Another 'Honda' powered engine by John Beal is doing a great job and we look forward to a continued appearance at our bi-monthly runs. A word of thanks to the Misses Beal, John's two charming daughters who have been helping with the Canteen recently. It makes me think sometimes that a ladies section in the Society would not come amiss.

With the frequent small number of locos at track days it is very pleasing to see how the marine section has so regularly attended and so played a very important part in the proceedings. Norm Kernick and his shipmates deserve a hearty word of thanks for their loyalty in putting on a first class display come rain or shine. Your attention is drawn to a paragraph further over on the subject of payment of Annual Subscriptions.

C. BURDEN
EDITOR & HON. SEC.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING:

2nd Tuesday each month at 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14TH:

Tom England is arranging a general interest film show.

OCTOBER 12TH:

Mr. Harold Clisby will describe a small lathe, use of machine tools etc.

NOVEMBER 9TH:

Annual Show of Work

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS:

'Informal' 4th Tuesday each month at 8 p.m.
September 28th, October 26th, November 23rd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m.
September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.

WORKING BEES:

1st Saturday each month at 1 pm
September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS:

1st Sunday each month at 2 pm
September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th.
3rd Saturday each month at 2 pm
September 18th, October 16th, November 20th.

OTHER EVENTS:

Sunday October 24th. Special day in conjunction with the Lions Club, City of Adelaide.
Saturday December 18th - Christmas Barbecue.

LOCO TRACK SUPERVISORS:

A. Ide,

L. Fielder,

W. Brownlow

SUNDAY FIELD DAY CANTEEN ROSTERSeptember 5th

T. Fitton
F.J. Gordon

October 3rd

K.R. Halstead
P. Lindblom

November 7th

M.R. McLeod
M.F. Sambell

SATURDAY FIELD DAY CANTEEN ROSTERSeptember 18th

G.M. Culley
J.A. James

October 16th

M.F. Kloeden
L. Peckham

November 20th

J.C. Newland
D.W. Searle

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AS PER ROSTER PLEASE PHONE
SECRETARY PH.29.5292, SO THAT A RESERVE CAN BE
NOTIFIED IN TIME.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THE MILKROSTER FOR LOCKING UP ALL BUILDINGS AND GATES:SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5th J. Davey
Saturday 4th H. Bateup
11th P. Griscti
18th W. Brownlow
25th B. Homan

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th W. Brownlow
Saturday 6th B. Homan
13th A. Brabham
20th I. Clark
27th A. Ide

OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd A. Brabham
Saturday 2nd I. Clark
9th A. Ide
16th J. Davey
23rd H. Bateup
30th P. Griscti

DECEMBER

Sunday 5th Cancelled
Saturday 4th J. Davey
11th H. Bateup
18th P. Griscti
25th W. Brownlow

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

J. Garside - Interested in locos & Steam Engines
R.G. Turnbull - " boats
(Junior Member)
G. Templeman - Model Railways
(Student Member)

A warm welcome is extended to you and we invite you to participate in all of our activities which will be of benefit not only to the Society but just as important, to yourselves.

The following notes were discussed at the July Committee Meeting and represent work now being undertaken and also improvements to the boat pond.

1. Society's constitution and rules are printed and being stapled into booklets by Lindsay Hope.
2. TRACK project 200 more plates need approx. \$60. and steel for completion of run off to main track \$60. = \$120.
3. Besser Brick wall to retain bank at steaming up bay approx. cost of bricks \$160.
4. Toilet extensions to mens cost of urinal cistern wood lining etc. \$400. - extension to ladies pan cistern timber lining etc. \$125. Total \$525.
5. EXTENSIONS to Steam House and installation of boiler etc. \$200.
6. All of these projects are being worked on now as TOP PRIORITY and reveal a need to unlock some of the money in fixed deposit if we are to complete them before Easter.
7. Boat pond improvements as yet are not in a final form for submission to Society.
8. Members suggestions for Easter Convention to D. Irving - Mr. S. Facenda to be co-opted to help with catering.

Reading an old membership list dated 1-9-62 and comparing it with a current list I was greatly surprised to see what may be described as membership turnover.

On this date, 1-9-62, there were 73 adults, 6 country, 6 honorary and 8 junior members.

Today, out of the 73 adults, only 28 remain as members, the only country member today (now an Honorary Life Member) is John Welch, none of the 6 Honorary members appear on the current list and the only Junior (now a Full Adult Member) is Bob Smith who is abroad. Over a period of 14 years 45 adults have left through either death or other causes but we have gained in the same period 74 adults, 17 country, Junior and Student 9, Honorary & Life members 10. These figures reveal a very healthy state of affairs and is a testimony to the growing popularity of Model Engineering

We now have the boiler, donated by Southern Farmers, installed by the Steam House. When the necessary fittings have been replaced such as water gauge, safety valves etc. and steam lines installed we should have a plentiful supply of steam to operate the larger models at present unused for lack of steam.

Good progress is being made with the retaining wall adjacent to the new on-off track from the turntable and a start has been made for a similar wall to enable better use of several spokes of the steam bay.

It was a pleasure to see and speak to Jim Thurmer on July, Saturday Field Day. As most of us know Jim has had a very bad run of ill-health for the last year or so, involving serious operations and hospitalisation. We all wish him a speedy return to good health and his company at our various meetings.

Also best wishes to Ian Clark who recently underwent surgery. However Ian is back on deck again and we also wish him the best of health.

I should have mentioned Alan Frankham in the previous Bulletin who has had a pretty rough spin with eye trouble for some considerable time. He has had several operations for, I believe, cataracts and has been put to very considerable expense involving trips to Melbourne and lengthy periods in hospital. However we now have him back with us again and it is a pleasure to hear his cheery voice once more. Best of luck Al.

I have had occasion recently to post a considerable number of Subscription arrears notices to various members. It puts the Society to an unnecessary expense, not to mention the work involved. Included in the March - May Bulletin an entire page was set out drawing your attention to payment of your Annual Subscription and on several subsequent occasions mention has been made of the same subject.

The Committee asks you to keep this matter in mind when Subs. time comes around next year. Incidentally the latest membership list hinges on Subs. payment and until these are received we cannot issue a new list.

JUMBLE SALE:

Amidst the usual fun and wisecracks which is an accepted part of this hilarious annual event the Sale was conducted, after July meeting business had ended, with the decorum expected of such an important event.

That arch villain Uncle Al. acted as Auctioneer and was ably helped by his fellow conspirator John Welch. Len Peckham was Auctioneer's Clerk and gladly took the unsuspecting buyers' money. Quite a few bargains gladdened the lucky buyers hearts. I think

at one stage 3 electric motors were knocked down in one lot for the princely sum of 70 cents. Whether they carried the usual warranty of 12/12 I did not hear.

A power hack saw in working order attracted some spirited bidding but as the bids grew higher so did the number of bidders become lower. Unless my eyes deceived me a bottle of the liquid mentioned in the old song "Drink to me only with thine eyes", was quickly snapped up and what happened to it later is anybody's guess.

Apart from raising some useful dollars, everybody present enjoyed the fun and no doubt helped to clean up somebody's workshop even if it meant putting it into some other person's workshop.

VISITOR FROM MOORABBIN SOCIETY:

Murray Hill, well known to a number of us, was in Adelaide for a week and attended our July monthly meeting. Murray visits Adelaide fairly frequently in order to see his mother and never fails to visit SASMEE and generally calls at 123 Allinga. This time Murray and a friend spent an afternoon on the home track driving one of my engines.

This is an early reminder that our Annual Christmas Barbecue will be held on Saturday December 18th after running has ceased. Everybody and their families are invited to attend.

Whilst speaking to Denis Irving SASMEE 1977 Convention Secretary, he said that within a few weeks he will be issuing a Newsletter to all those interested regarding accommodation and other details relevant to the Convention.

At our August meeting 4 Junior and Student members will be elected to your Society plus 1 Adult. This is something to congratulate ourselves on. It is these younger members who will become the future leaders and carry on the aims and traditions of the Society and every endeavour should be made to encourage them. The number of applications is a striking testimony to the ever growing popularity of Modelling and also to SASMEE.

Perhaps on closing a few words on those members who could be called 'the unsung heroes' should be said. They are those who regularly attend track days, man the gate, help at the station, crack coal and regularly attend working parties. Unlike the drivers and boat boys, I sometimes think that their efforts are taken for granted. Without them SASMEE could not function, so to these members a big Thank you.

EPITAPH TO A THIRD ENGINEER

When the last crank and crosshead's been tightened,
And the 3rd Engineer laid to rest,
And his tools all rusted and broken,
Divide what you think are the best.

No red-hot cranks or second's pranks,
Will these the 3rd annoy,
But in robes of white, a shining light,
Someone's fairheaded boy.

No rods to swing, no gear to sling,
Nor bottom ends to tighten,
No glands to pack, no nuts to slack,
No fireman to frighten.